

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

5 ~~1. (Currently Amended) Greeting card making apparatus for~~
Q1 ~~assisting in the production of a greeting card by duplication~~
 ~~apparatus comprising a layout template that defines a layout~~
 ~~area, said layout area including a recessed area, said layout~~
10 ~~area accommodating at least one object that is to be contained~~
 ~~in said greeting card, said greeting card making apparatus being~~
 ~~convertible between a layout mode and a duplication mode, the~~
SB ~~layout area being observable by a user during the layout mode so~~
OP- ~~that the user may observe an arrangement of the at least one~~
15 ~~object within said layout area, the layout template being~~
 ~~reproducible by said duplication apparatus so that said~~
 ~~duplication apparatus produces a copy of the arrangement of the~~
 ~~at least one object within said layout area defined by said~~
 ~~layout template.~~

20 2. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim
 1, wherein said layout template defines a position in said layout
 area for said at least one object and an orientation in said
 layout area for said at least one object.

3. Canceled.

25 4. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim
 1, wherein said layout area includes an opening.

5. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim
1, further comprising a backing member, said backing member
forming a portion of said layout area.

6. ~~(Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim~~
1, wherein said layout template defines at least one opening
therein, said at least one opening exposing a portion of the at
least one object contained within said layout area.

5 7. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim
1, further comprising a transparent cover member operatively
associated with said layout template so that said transparent
cover member can be moved between a first position and a second
position, said transparent cover member exposing said layout area
10 when said transparent cover member is in the first position, said
transparent cover member covering said layout area when said
transparent cover member is in the second position, said
transparent cover member also securing the at least one object
contained within said layout area when said transparent cover
15 member is in the second position.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The greeting card making apparatus~~
~~of claim 7, further comprising~~ Greeting card making apparatus for
assisting in the production of a greeting card by duplication
apparatus comprising:

20 a layout template that defines a layout area, said
layout area accommodating at least one object that is to be
contained in said greeting card, said greeting card making
apparatus being convertible between a layout mode and a
duplication mode, the layout area being observable by a
25 user during the layout mode so that the user may observe an
arrangement of the at least one object within said layout
area, the layout template being reproducible by said
duplication apparatus so that said duplication apparatus
produces a copy of the arrangement of the at least one
30 object within said layout area defined by said layout
template;

a transparent cover member operatively associated with
said layout template so that said transparent cover member

~~can be moved between a first position and a second position, said transparent cover member exposing said layout area when said transparent cover member is in the first position, said transparent cover member covering said layout area when said transparent cover member is in the second position, said transparent cover member also securing the at least one object contained within said layout area when said transparent cover member is in the second position; and~~

a backing member operatively associated with said layout template, and wherein said backing member and said transparent cover member secure the at least one object contained within said layout area when said transparent cover member is in the second position and said layout template is positioned between said backing member and said transparent cover member.

9. (Currently Amended) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a sticker, said sticker removably adhering to said greeting card making apparatus ~~or to a duplicating bed of said duplication apparatus.~~

10. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 1, wherein said layout template comprises cardboard.

11. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 1, wherein said layout template comprises a plastic material.

12. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 1, wherein said layout area is defined by said layout template such that the arrangement of said at least one object within said layout area is to be contained in a front outer portion of said greeting card.

13. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim

~~1, wherein said layout area is defined by said layout template such that the arrangement of said at least one object within said layout area is to be contained in a front inner portion of said greeting card.~~

5 14. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 1, wherein said layout area is defined by said layout template such that the arrangement of said at least one object within said layout area is to be contained in a back inner portion of said greeting card.

10 15. (Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 1, wherein said layout area is defined by said layout template such that the arrangement of said at least one object within said layout area is to be contained in a back outer portion of said greeting card.

15 16. (Original) Greeting card making apparatus for assisting in the production of a greeting card by duplication apparatus, comprising:

20 a backing member that defines a layout area; said layout area accommodating at least one object that is to be contained in said greeting card; and

25 an aperture grille operatively associated with said backing member so that said aperture grille can be moved between a first position and a second position, said aperture grille including at least one opening therein, said aperture grille exposing said layout area when said aperture grille is in the first position, said aperture grille covering a portion of said layout area when said aperture grille is in the second position, the at least one opening in said aperture grille exposing a portion of the at least one object contained within said layout area when said aperture grille is in the second position.

17. ~~(Original) The greeting card making apparatus of claim~~
16, wherein said aperture grille secures the at least one object
contained within said layout area when said aperture grille is
in the second position.

5 18. Canceled.

19. (Original) A method for making a greeting card,
comprising the steps of:

providing a greeting card making apparatus that
defines a layout area;

10 positioning at least one object within said layout
area defined by said greeting card making apparatus;

observing an arrangement of the at least one object
within said layout area;

15 positioning said greeting card making apparatus so
that said layout area is adjacent a duplicating bed of a
duplication apparatus; and

20 operating said duplication apparatus to duplicate the
arrangement of the at least one object within said layout
area and to produce a copy of the arrangement of the at
least one object within said layout area.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising
the step of folding said copy of the arrangement of the at least
one object with said layout area to create said greeting card.

21. ~~(New) Greeting card making apparatus, comprising:~~

25 a layout template defining at least one layout area,
said at least one layout area accommodating at least one
object that is to be contained in said greeting card; and

30 a cover member pivotally mounted to said layout
template so that said cover member can be pivoted between
a first position and a second position, said cover member
exposing said at least one layout area when said cover

member is in the first position, said ~~cover member securing~~
the at least one object in said at least one layout area
when said cover member is in the second position.

5 22. (New) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 21,
wherein said cover member defines at least one opening therein,
said at least one opening in said cover member being generally
aligned with at least a portion of the at least one object in
said at least one layout area when said cover member is in the
second position.

10 23. (New) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 21,
wherein said cover member comprises a transparent material.

24. (New) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 23,
wherein said transparent material is rigid.

15 ~~25. (New) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 21,~~
wherein said layout template defines at least one opening
therein, said at least one opening defining said at least one
layout area.

20 26. (New) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 21,
further comprising a backing member attached to said layout
template.

27. (New) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 26,
wherein said backing member is opaque.

28. (New) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 26,
wherein said backing member is rigid.

25 29. (New) The greeting card making apparatus of claim 21,
further comprising a guideline provided on said layout template,
said guideline defining said at least one layout area.